

City of Newport 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update



Riverfront Focus Group

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Today's Agenda

9:00 am	Welcome & Introductions
9:05 am	Overview of Comp Plan Update Process & Goals
9:10 am	Highlights of Current/Planned Projects & Existing Conditions
9:25 am	Targeted Discussion – with prepared questions
10:40 am	Open Discussion
10:55 am	Next Steps



Updated Aspirational Goals

1. Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods	2. Meaningful Places	3. Economic Prosperity & Resilience	
4. Well Connected Transportation & Infrastructure	5. Natural Environment	6. Healthy Community	
7. Good Government			

<u>Areas in Transition</u> PUBLIC SPACE **WEST SIDE & ROUTE 9**

Topics

for Focus Group Sessions

- Riverfront (development, parks and recreation, access/connectivity, protection/preservation of, etc.)
- ❖ West Side & Route 9 (housing, historic preservation, Licking riverfront access, land use, economic development, riverfront industrial development, parks and recreation, connectivity)
- Central Business District & Public Open Space (placemaking strategies within the Central Business District and developing additional public/open space (i.e., Central Park)



Goals & Objectives relevant to the Riverfront

1. Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods:

- Housing supply
- Land use compatibility

2. Meaningful Places:

- Cultural & historic resources
- Gathering spaces, placemaking & public art

3. Economic Prosperity & Resilience:

- Ec dev, business growth, & economic/job diversity
- Riverfront Development District (Authority?)
- Land availability, land use, & redevelopment
- Newport as a regional destination
- Maximize partnerships with adjacent developments/businesses

4. Well-Connected Transportation & Infrastructure:

- Strong relationships between riverfront & adjacent community
- Continuous pathway per Southbank Riverfront Commons

5. Natural Environment:

- Protect, enhance, restore natural environment: Licking & Ohio Riverfronts as a string of connected assets
- Increase access to natural areas

6. Healthy Community:

- Existing Amenities:
 - Licking & Ohio Riverfronts as a string of connected assets
 - Upgrades to Gen. Taylor Park (celebrate its history & the confluence!)
- New parks and open space: Maximize Festival park as "centerpiece"
- Access: paths and trails (Riverfront Commons)



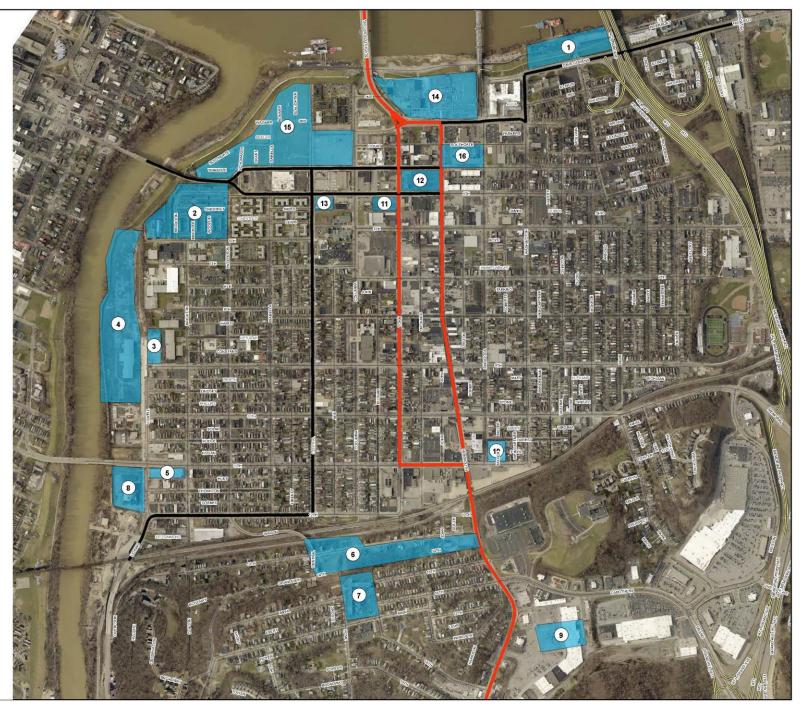
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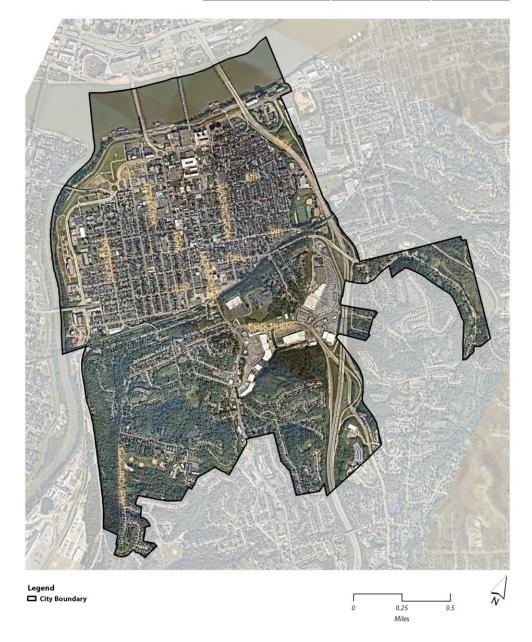


Development Opportunities and Current Projects

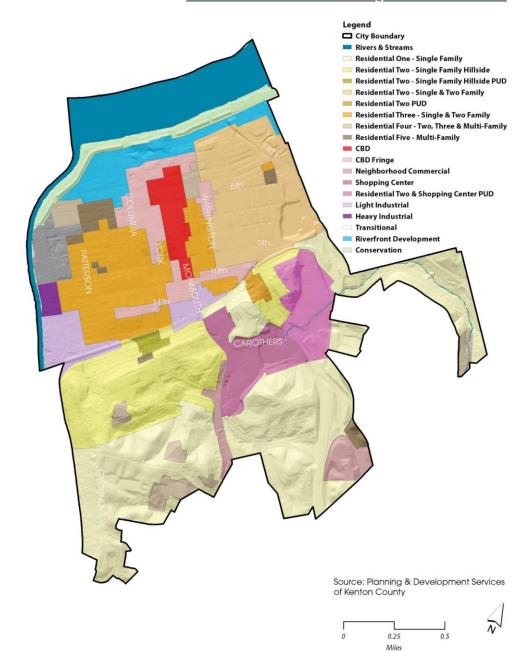
- 1. Project Pegasus
- Housing Authority Property
 IPSCO Steel Small Site
- 4. IPSCO Steel Large Site
- 5. Fedders Warehouse
- 6. 13th Street Residential New Construction
- 7. 120 Main Street Residential Conversion
- 8. New Riff West Campus
- 9. Newport Gaming & Racing10. HealthPoint Medical Office
- 11. SW Corner 5th & York / Infill
- 12. Peace Bell Site / Mixed Use Infill Opportunity
- 13. SE Corner 5th & Central / Infill
- 14. Newport on the Levee / North American Properties
- 15. OVATION Mixed Use Development
- 16. Academy on 4th (Residential)



Newport Aerial Map

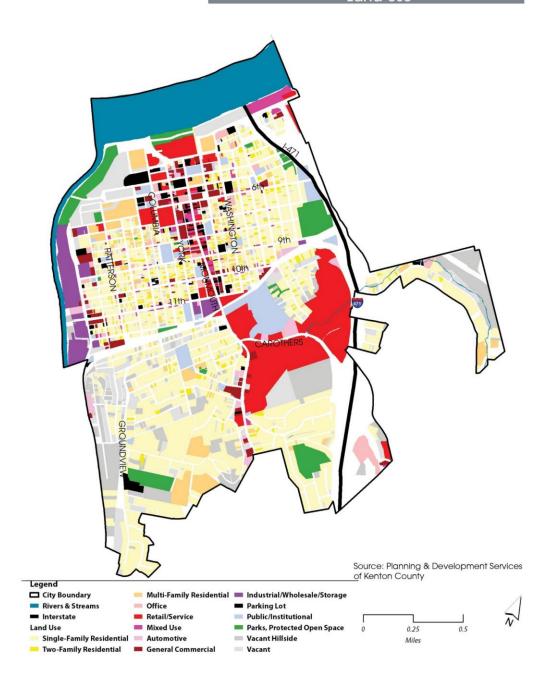


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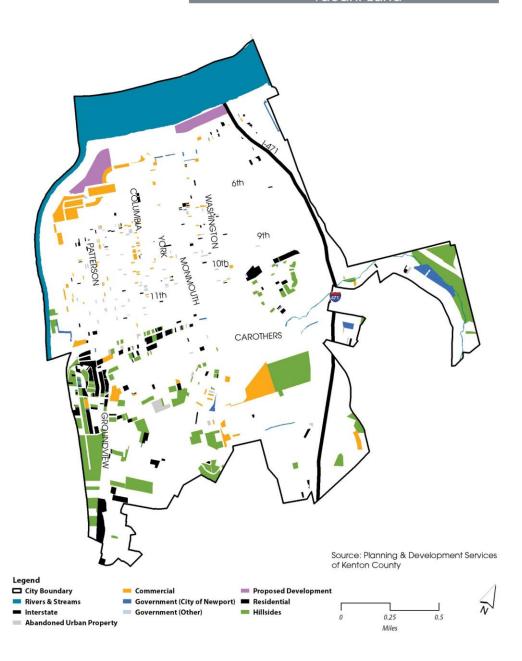




Land Use



Vacant Land



Traffic Counts (2013 - 2019)



Canopy Coverage





Green Space Opportunity



Next Steps

